



## MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2007

10:00-12:00pm

Arizona Department of Economic Security  
Room 104  
1717 W. Jefferson Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-3202

**Participants:** Cherie Campbell, Anna Maria Chavez, Rex Critchfield, Jim Dickey (Chair), Ann Froio, Rich Gaar, Maxine Leather, Linda Martin, Jim Murphy, Amy St. Peter, Ken Sweet

**Teleconference:** None in attendance

**Public present:** None in attendance

**Staff present:** Eileen Colleran, Gregg Kiely, Shandra Olsson, Steve Rost

**Absent:** John Anderson, Brian Babiars, Olivia Guerrero, Michael Hegarty, Martin Ince, Mack Luckie, Michael Medoro, Marie Lopez-Rogers

### I. Open Meeting and Introductions

Jim Dickey (Chair): The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Jim Dickey. A quorum was established. Attendees introduced themselves.

### II. Approval of November 30, 2006 Minutes

Jim Dickey: A motion was made and seconded to accept the November 30, 2006 meeting minutes. The Council unanimously approved the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as written.

### III. Executive Order 2007-02 Discussion

Jim Dickey: Jim Dickey provided the facilitation of discussion around Executive Order 2007-02, Expanding Arizona's Transportation Options. ADOT was given a 90 day period (starting from January 8<sup>th</sup>) to provide future transportation options for:

- Mass transportation (bus)
- Commuter rail (high-speed rail)
- Light rail

Considerations around costs, funding, state role in finance, and players are critical factors.

An Executive Order Working Group (EOWG) has been formed to identify a program list, a public input process, and to meet one-on-one with key stakeholders such as: Arizona Rides, ASU, AzTA, Burlington Northern and Union Pacific, local cities, and Valley Metro.

*Recap of Arizona Rides Action Plan.* Steve Rost presented on what coordination is. He also presented the Arizona Rides Action Plan Summary (handout) that focused on the box at the intersection of Coordination Plans and Arizona Rides MPO/COG Activity. He mentioned that this was the area that we were currently involved in [regional plans], but that it was not necessarily the last box of involvement.

*2007 5310, 5316, and 5317 application workshop schedule.* Steve Rost presented a 2007 Workshop Schedule (handout) that described the dates and locations of the up-coming application workshops. This round of workshops will be a combined effort of the continuing development of the regional plans along with the annual application process. RAE Consultants, Inc. will be finalizing the draft report on regional plans in the morning workshop and the 5310, 5316, and 5317 ADOT application process will follow in the afternoon session.

*Brief description of 5310, 5316, and 5317 programs.* Steve Rost presented a brief description of the 5310, 5316 and 5317 programs (handout). Gregg Kiely furthered with a presentation on the three programs as a component of the action plan. Discussions were presented around MAG and PAG's plan submittal dates. MAG will present to its Council in April and PAG to its Council in May for approvals.

*2006 Arizona Rides Annual Report.* Jim Dickey stated that the Annual Report (handout) draft was approved at the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. He directed the Council to the Strategic Plan (page 14) draft and reminded them of the Council's vision, mission, goals, objectives, and actions. Some action pieces could go into the response to the Executive Order.

*Mass Transit.* Jim Dickey directed the Council to a handout titled Mass Transit which is a list of programs around the Executive Order. There are three major points Mass Transit, Commuter Rail, and Light Rail. This handout has twelve bullet points which Jim recommended to be numbered accordingly. He focused on numbers 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8 as they had Arizona Rides implications. He mentioned that we are not spinning our wheels. Legislatively and budget-wise we have made inroads into the transportation arena where we have never been before, at least from ADOT's perspective. Transportation is a big issue and issues are starting to be addressed. Jim went on to mention issues that are being addressed in the Executive Order, such as: environment, land management, growth management, transportation, and air quality. Jim reminded the Council that the goal of this meeting is: How can we take the Arizona Rides program and

push it into this agenda (the bullet points mentioned above) with some program-level recommendations, such as mobility management?

*Mobility Management.* Discussion surfaced around the need for a “mobility manager” at the COG/MPO level to assist or facilitate in human services coordinated transportation efforts. Questions around organizational fit, authority, full or part time, additional duties, tie to regional plan, and worth were brought up. Ideas were taken under consideration. Eileen Collieran will put together a framework on this concept.

*Funding.* Questions around funding (state or LTAFII) being not stable and that regions not being able to make sound planning decisions due to that instability surfaced. Recommendations on the fund being permanent and/or lowering the threshold were discussed as being a reliable resource. Ideas were taken under consideration.

*JARC and New Freedom programs.* There are small amounts of funds available for these programs. A supplemental funding discussion for the 5316 and 5317 programs proceeded. A suggestion of the state doubling the federal amount came forward and that it, should it happen, would finally mean something. Gregg Kiely will look into the possibility of the 5316 and 5317 programs being funded similar to the 5310 program. He will also look into JARC money being re-distributed to larger programs and the spirit of the program and not the strings that are attached.

*Pinal Rides.* A question came up around the relationship between Pinal Rides and the Executive Order. There might be a possibility of similar programs in the other county and COG/MPO regions. A future discussion topic.

*Executive Order Suggestions.* Suggestions for incorporation into the Executive Order response.

- LTAF II funding
- Mobility Management / Human Services transportation issues
- JARC and New Freedom enhancements
- County Rides (expanded Pinal Rides)

*Discussion Summary.* Jim Dickey summarized tying the two Executive Orders together (the Arizona Rides Executive Order 2005-16 Establishing the Arizona Rides Council and the new Executive Order 2007-2 Expanding Arizona's Transportation Options). One of the things to accomplish is trying to develop a baseline mentality – what is it that needs to be available to every person in Arizona. In that regard, the human services-level programs really represent that baseline (those subsidized by LTAF II). The Council will begin to focus on and try to identify what core or baseline services really are. These are the places where the state support, direction, and authority that can really be capitalized on.

*Motion to accept the four suggestions.* A motion was made and seconded to accept the four Executive Order suggestions listed above for incorporation into the program objectives in the Executive Order response. The Council unanimously approved the motion as stated.

**IV. Call to the Public**

Jim Dickey: There were no public comments.

**V. Agenda Items/Meeting Schedule**

Jim Dickey: Suggested future agenda items include:

- Regional plans: distribute and discuss
- Inter-departmental program operations and relationships
- Arizona Rides 1-day conference (framework)

Jim Dickey: Next meeting date:

Around the end of April or beginning of May

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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